

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRUMBULL, CONNECTICUT

Policy Committee of the
Trumbull Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Long Hill Administration Building

Tuesday, May13, 2025-- 5:30p.m.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Introduction. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present Members	Role
Tim Gallo	Committee Chair, Board of Education
Marie Petitti	Board of Education Member
Alison Squicciarro	Board of Education Member
George Mathew	Parent/Guardian Representative
Abhishek Chaudhary	Parent/Guardian Representative
Abbey Dayton	Student Representative
Michael Hunter	Student Representative
Mike Ward	Community Representative
Meg Wycoff	Community Representative
Paul Coppola	TAA representative
Dr. Susan C. Iwanicki	Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Designee
Absent Members	Role
Nick Banks	TEA representative
Alissa Hall	Parent/Guardian Representative

- II. Correspondence/Public Comment. Dr. Iwanicki shared that the Policy Committee received emails from Joanne Gebriel, Brian Moore, Kim Petrafesa, and Kathryn Lynch. Each of the emails advocated for phone-free schools and provided research to urge the district to consider taking actionable steps. Additionally, attendees Iben Cenholt, Natasha Montero, Haley McCarthy, and Katie Lynch shared additional reasons why a phone-free policy should be in place, district-wide, across all grades, K through 12.

- III. Approval of Minutes 3/25/2025. Mr. Gallo moved to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2025 Policy Committee meeting. Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. New Business
- a. Policy 6142.101/Student Wellness- Food Services Manager, Chris Molyneux attended the meeting to share the ways in which he has helped the Wellness Committee use the tool provided by the state department to review our Wellness Policy—WellSAT 3.0. As the majority of policy changes were reviewed during the last section, the committee used this meeting to review the final section. Mr. Ward asked if the policy would change any of the physical education times and if our current schedule is aligned with requirements. Mr. Chaudry asked if the policy should be reviewed more than once every three years. Mr. Molyneux communicated that aspects of the policy are reviewed on an on-going basis so that at the end of the three-year cycle, appropriate changes can be made. Mr. Gallo made a motion to bring the revised Policy 6142.101/Student Wellness to the full Board for approval and Mrs. Petitti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Policy 3514.1 Use of District Vehicles- Director of Operations, Kevin Dion provided the rationale for this new policy. He explained that the policy is aligned with the Town of Trumbull’s Vehicle Use policy. Mr. Gallo asked the number of employees that have 24-hour use, and Mr. Dion shared it was approximately 3 or 4 people. He clarified that 24-hour use vehicles cannot be used for personal use. Mr. Ward asked about the number of vehicles Trumbull Public Schools currently own. Mr. Dion expressed that TPS currently has approximately 27 vehicles, which include some vans. Mrs. Squicciarro inquired about the reference to a “poor driving record” within the policy. After discussion, the motion was made by Mr. Gallo and Mrs. Petitti seconded to bring the new policy, Policy 3514.1 Use of District Vehicles, to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Policy 1330/Use of Public-School Buildings and Sites- The Committee reviewed the change to the policy which would require those groups that sponsor events on school grounds that take place on weekends, holidays, and school breaks, to pay to cover the cost of custodial fees. Director of Operations, Kevin Dion, relayed that this change is needed as we have an increase in costs in our custodial overtime. Mrs. Petitti communicated that this cost had been discussed in the past. It was motioned by Mr. Gallo and Mrs. Petitti seconded to bring the revised Policy 1330/Use of Public-School Buildings and Sites to the full Board for approval and Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Policy 5131.81/ Use of Private Technology by Students- A New Policy. Director of Digital Learning, Christina Hefele, presented for the committee to demonstrate the steps taken this year to create a new policy for the use of private technology. She outlined the review of guidance from the Connecticut State Department of

Education, input received (from parents, teachers, and administrators), area district practices, and the proposed policy draft based on the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) model policies. After reading the policy line-by-line, the motion was made by Mr. Gallo and Mrs. Petitti seconded to bring the new Policy 5131.81/ Use of Private Technology by Students to the full Board for approval and Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Policy 6141.328/Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Technology in Trumbull Public Schools- Dr. Iwanicki highlighted that because the new Policy 5131.81/ Use of Private Technology by Students will specify that elementary and middle school students will not be allowed to use their own technology devices in schools, edits will be needed to change Policy 6141.328 to be applicable to Trumbull High School only. The motion was made by Mr. Gallo and Mrs. Petitti seconded to bring the revised Policy 6141.328/Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and Protocol for the Use of Technology in Trumbull Public Schools to the full Board for approval and Mrs. Squicciarro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.